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# **NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY**



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## **NORTH DAKOTA**

**Fuel shortages a big problem in the Dakotas.** Industry officials said fuel shortages that often occur during the busy fall harvest season in the Dakotas are a big problem this year. The South Dakota Petroleum Marketers Association director said it is “a supply nightmare.” There are gasoline and diesel shortages at fuel terminals throughout much of the Dakotas and into Minnesota. Fuel truck drivers are sitting in line for hours at some terminals, waiting for fuel to arrive via pipeline. Officials said there are several reasons for the low supplies. They include an early harvest in South Dakota that put farmers into competition for diesel fuel with their counterparts in other states, and demand from vehicles in the booming oil patch in western North Dakota. Source: <http://www.crookstontimes.com/news/x812499662/Fuel-shortages-a-big-problem-in-the-Dakotas>

**Corps: No increase in dam’s water releases.** The top U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officer in charge of the Missouri River’s dam network said the agency will not be increasing Lake Sakakawea water releases this fall, despite arguments from the governor of North Dakota that the move would help fight flooding. A Corps official spoke at a public hearing November 1, saying he had turned down a request from the governor and the chief engineer of the North Dakota Water Commission to draw the lake down to 1,835 feet above sea level by March 1. Instead, the agency will stick to its target level of 1,837.5 feet on that date, said the Corps official. Source: <http://www.minotdailynews.com/page/content.detail/id/560009/Corps--No-increase-in-dam-s-water-releases.html?nav=5010>

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**(Minnesota; Georgia) Monticello and Hatch reactors back online.** Two nuclear plants ended outages in recent days, as the Monticello plant in Monticello, Minnesota, restarted following a reactor trip, and Georgia’s Hatch 2 reactor completed a maintenance project. At Monticello, full power was restored October 31. The General Electric type-3 boiling water reactor (BWR) shut down automatically October 21 following the lockout of an auxiliary power transformer, according to a Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) event report. Xcel Energy later reported a cable failure caused the transformer problem, interrupting power to part of the site. Two emergency diesel generators started automatically, but the NRC report indicated “the 11 ESW [emergency service water] pump (cooling for the #11 emergency diesel) failed to develop required pressure.” The report said that generator was tagged as out of service. Unit 2 at Southern Co.’s Hatch plant near Baxley, Georgia, resumed electrical generation October 29. The GE type-4 BWR was down for 7 days while workers replaced a relief valve inside the dry well of its containment, according to a company release. Source: [http://nuclearstreet.com/nuclear\\_power\\_industry\\_news/b/nuclear\\_power\\_news/archive/2011/11/01/monticello-and-hatch-reactors-back-online-110201.aspx](http://nuclearstreet.com/nuclear_power_industry_news/b/nuclear_power_news/archive/2011/11/01/monticello-and-hatch-reactors-back-online-110201.aspx)

**(South Dakota) Progress made on human-caused wildfire in Southern Hills.** Firefighters had a 300-acre fire located 15 miles northeast of Hot Springs, South Dakota, about 20 percent contained as of 7 p.m. October 31 and expected to continue to fight the fire throughout the

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night, according to information from the Great Plains Fire Information Center. Investigators determined that the Line Creek Fire, which began at about 3 p.m. October 31 in an area of mostly grass and timber was caused by humans. Until heavy moisture in the form of snow and/or rain arrives, the potential for a wildland fire is high, fire officials said. Resources on the fire include: dozers, type 6 engines, handcrews, and miscellaneous fire management personnel from the Black Hills National Forest, State of South Dakota Wildland Fire Suppression Division, Edgemont Volunteer Fire Department, and the Dewey Volunteer Fire Department. Source: [http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/progress-made-on-human-caused-wildfire-in-southern-hills/article\\_16ffa75e-041b-11e1-a9f9-001cc4c002e0.html](http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/progress-made-on-human-caused-wildfire-in-southern-hills/article_16ffa75e-041b-11e1-a9f9-001cc4c002e0.html)

**(Wyoming) Full capacity OK'd after Wyo. pipeline rupture.** Federal investigators have allowed TransCanada to go to full pressure on a new gas pipeline in northeast Wyoming that ruptured for reasons that still are not entirely clear. Calgary, Alberta-based TransCanada does not have quite enough gas to take full advantage of the recent approval from the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. The Bison Pipeline is running at about 85 percent capacity. The 30-inch pipeline ruptured July 20 and spewed a brown cloud into the sky 20 miles northwest of Gillette. The rupture shook the ground a mile away, but the gas did not ignite. Source: <http://www.thedickinsonpress.com/event/article/id/52560/group/News/>

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**Bangkok governor tells police to defend floodgates from residents' attacks.** The governor of Bangkok, Thailand, ordered police to protect a levee on the city's outskirts after thousands of people damaged the floodgate, threatening inner parts of the Thai capital, Bloomberg reported November 2. "The gate needs to be urgently fixed otherwise the floodwater would cause heavy flooding" in eastern Bangkok near industrial estates where international manufacturers are located, he said on his Web site the night of November 1. Residents living near Sam Wa canal in northeastern Bangkok destroyed part of a levee so water would flow out of their neighborhood, television images on the Thai PBS television channel showed. Bangkok officials were struggling to maintain a system of dikes, canals, and sandbag barriers designed to divert water around the city center. Floodwaters that spread over 63 of Thailand's 77 provinces over the past 3 months have killed 427 people, and shuttered 10,000 factories north of Bangkok, disrupting supply chains across Asia. Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-11-02/bangkok-chief-tells-police-to-defend-floodgates-as-inner-city-threatened.html>

**Chemical weapons monitors due back in Libya.** Libya's interim prime minister said October 30 his government asked international monitors to return to the country and assist the new government's efforts to eliminate a small stockpile of chemical warfare agents, the Associated Press reported. When the uprising against Libya's former dictator began in February, Libya still held roughly 9 metric tons of mustard blister agent, part of a 25-ton stockpile it had been

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destroying under the Chemical Weapons Convention. The north African nation is also believed to still retain hundreds of metric tons of chemical weapon precursor material. The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, which monitors compliance with the convention's statutes, has said it would send inspectors back to Libya as soon as the situation allowed. A U.S. Assistant Secretary of State said Libya's chemical weapons have been under "continuous surveillance to assure that it has remained in its storage facilities and has not been tampered with." Russia has submitted a resolution to the U.N. Security Council that calls on Libya's interim government to finish disposing of all chemical warfare materials in a manner agreed on with international monitoring regimes. The 15-nation body was expected to consider the issue the week of October 31. The interim prime minister said the transitional government in recent days had discovered chemical arms in the nation's capital, the Xinhua News Agency reported. There have been conflicting reports on whether all chemical warfare materials found by opposition forces had been previously declared under the Chemical Weapons Convention. Source: [http://www.globalsecuritynewswire.org/gsn/nw\\_20111031\\_9913.php](http://www.globalsecuritynewswire.org/gsn/nw_20111031_9913.php)

### **BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY**

**Allied Mortgage fraud could cost taxpayers \$1 billion, USA says.** Federal prosecutors sued Allied Home Mortgage Corp. and two of its top officers November 1, claiming one of the nation's largest privately held mortgage lenders committed serial frauds that cost taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars, and cost thousands of people their homes. More than 30 percent of the 110,000 Federal Housing Administration (FHA) mortgages Allied originated in the past decade are in default, and the default rate for loans in 2006-07 climbed to 55 percent, prosecutors said. The FHA has paid \$834 million "for mortgages originated and fraudulently certified by Allied that are now in default," the U.S. attorney's office said in announcing the lawsuit. "An additional 2,509 loans are currently in default but not yet in claims status, which could result in additional insurance claims paid by the HUD [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development] amounting to \$363 million." The nine-count complaint claims Allied, its CEO, and executive vice president (VP) and compliance director, defrauded the government and taxpayers by "knowingly and intentionally submit(ing) false loan certifications to the HUD by originating FHA loans out of shadow branches;" made false statements to HUD; made false annual certifications to HUD; made false branch certifications to HUD; violated the False Claims Act; and made false loan certifications to HUD. "Allied's concealed corruption continued in part because [the CEO] persistently monitored and intimidated senior managers and other employees," prosecutors claim. "[He] also required employees to sign extremely broad confidential agreements and has sued numerous former employees for the slightest perceived breach, including a former tax manager for speaking to the IRS." Prosecutors said Allied ran hundreds of "shadow," unapproved branch offices that originated FHA loans, and deceived the HUD by using the ID number of a HUD-approved branch on the applications. Source: <http://www.courthousenews.com/2011/11/02/41119.htm>

**Clients scramble for money after MF Global shock.** MF Global failed to protect customer accounts by keeping them separate from the firm's funds, a top U.S. regulator said November 1, as administrators to the collapsed brokerage's United Kingdom (UK) arm scrambled to close out

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billions of dollars worth of client positions. The fall of the group sent shockwaves through commodities markets, as traders feared the damage could spread, or similar problems occur with other players. KPMG, appointed as administrators to MF Global's UK arm, said it had been busy closing out positions all day under a new UK regime set up to prevent a repeat of the slow and painful work-out of the 2008 collapse of Lehman Brothers. KPMG's head of restructuring told Reuters he was confident clients would see their money again: "Our strategy this morning has been ... where we have clients whose position is reconciled, and are due funds, then that money will flow," he said. MF Global's main exchange regulator, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Group (CME), said the futures broker failed to keep customers accounts separate from the firm's funds, violating a central tenet of futures brokerage. "CME has determined MF Global is not in compliance with Commodity Futures Trading Commission and CME customer segregation requirements," the company's chief executive said. The New York Times reported federal regulators discovered that hundreds of millions of dollars in customer money — supposed to be segregated, and protected from the rest of the business — had gone missing. MF Global filed for bankruptcy protection October 31. In Australia, trading in grain futures and options was suspended by bourse operator ASX Ltd, prompting concerns about the integrity of the country's agricultural futures market. The London Metal Exchange said in a statement it had suspended MF Global from trading with immediate effect, following a similar move by the CME Group. Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/11/01/mfglobal-exchanges-idUSL5E7M12NY20111101>

**Treasury targets Sinaloa Cartel narcotics distribution network under the Kingpin Act.** The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) October 27 announced the designation of a key Sinaloa Cartel lieutenant, his two brothers, and two companies located in Mexico pursuant to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act (Kingpin Act). The lieutenant controls a money laundering and narcotics distribution network based in Culiacan, Mexico, that is supplied by the Sinaloa Cartel leader and facilitates the importation of narcotics from Mexico into the U.S. with the assistance of his brothers. The leader and the Sinaloa Cartel were previously identified by the U.S. President as significant foreign narcotics traffickers pursuant to the Kingpin Act in 2002 and 2009. Treasury also designated Autos Mini, a car dealership in Ensenada, Baja California, and Autodromo Culiacan, an auto race track in Culiacan, Sinaloa, owned by the lieutenant and his brother. As a result of the action, U.S. persons are prohibited from engaging in transactions with the designees, and any assets they may have under U.S. jurisdiction are frozen. Source: <http://www.treasury.gov/press-center/press-releases/Pages/tg1341.aspx>

**(New York) NYSE price mix-up causes headaches.** A technical glitch caused New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) Euronext to release incorrect price information on more than 1,000 stocks and other securities October 27. The error resulted in some online sites showing closing prices for some securities that were actually based on trades that had occurred in electronic trading after markets had closed. The problem started at 7:27 p.m. October 27 when NYSE's Arca platform sent incorrectly coded share price information. An e-mail sent to traders on October 28 said the problem involved prices from aftermarket trades October 28 that were incorrectly coded as if they had happened during regular trading that day. The e-mail said the mix-up affected the

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closing price in some shares that trade on the NYSE as well as its Arca platform. The error affected some stocks, exchange-traded funds, and mutual funds that started with the letters A through T. Symbols starting with U through Z were not affected. A NYSE spokesman said more than 1,000 ticker symbols were affected. He said the mix-up was under investigation. Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9QLCQO2.htm>

### **CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR**

**Tepco detects nuclear fission at Fukushima Dai-Ichi Station.** Tokyo Electric Power Co. (Tepco) detected signs of nuclear fission at its crippled Fukushima atomic power plant in Japan November 2, raising the risk of increased radiation emissions. No increase in radiation was found at the site and the situation is under control, officials said. The company began spraying boric acid on the No. 2 reactor to prevent accidental chain reactions, according to an e-mailed statement. The detection of xenon, which is associated with nuclear fission, was confirmed by the Japan Atomic Energy Agency, the country's atomic regulator. There's been no large-scale or sustained criticality and no increase in radiation, a manager at Tepco said. Fission taking place in the reactor can lead to increases in radiation emissions and raises concerns about further leaks. It is possible there are similar reactions occurring in the No. 1 and No. 3 reactors, the other cores damaged at the station, the Tepco manager said. Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2011-11-02/tepco-detects-nuclear-fission-at-fukushima-dai-ichi-station.html>

**Federal ruling favors endangered species over pesticides.** A U.S. district court judge October 31 ruled that measures required to protect endangered salmon and steelhead from three highly toxic pesticides are valid and can be enforced, the Central Valley Business Times reported October 31. The protections were included in a biological opinion issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) in 2008. Pesticide manufacturers had sought to overturn the protections, challenging NMFS's findings. The ruling turns back efforts challenging no-spray buffer zones and other measures required to protect salmon from exposure to the organophosphate pesticides chlorpyrifos, diazinon, and malathion. These pesticides are known to contaminate waterways throughout California and the Pacific Northwest. Earthjustice said the pesticides harm salmon in many ways, including killing them directly, affecting their food supply and habitat, and interfering with their ability to navigate back to their home streams to spawn. In addition to poisoning salmon, the class of organophosphate pesticides has been linked with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder and childhood developmental delays, the Earthjustice attorney said. Source: <http://www.centralvalleybusinesstimes.com/stories/001/?ID=19689>

**New cyber attack targets chemical firms: Symantec.** At least 48 chemical and defense companies were victims of a coordinated cyber attack traced to a man in China, according to a report from security firm Symantec Corp. Computers belonging to these companies were infected with malicious software known as "PoisonIvy," which was used to steal information such as design documents, formulas, and details on manufacturing processes, Symantec said October 31. It said the firms included multiple Fortune 100 corporations that develop

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compounds and advanced materials, along with businesses that help manufacture infrastructure for these industries. The bulk of the infected machines were based in the United States and United Kingdom, Symantec said, adding the victims include 29 chemicals companies, some of which developed advanced materials used in military vehicles. "The purpose appears to be industrial espionage, collecting intellectual property for competitive advantage," Symantec said in a white paper on the campaign that it dubbed the "Nitro" attacks. The cyber campaign ran from late July through mid-September and was traced to a computer system in the United States owned by a man in his 20s in Hebei province in China, according to Symantec. Researchers said they were not able to determine if the hacker, who they dubbed "Covert Grove", acted alone or conducted the attacks on behalf of another party or parties. Symantec said the Nitro attackers sent e-mails with tainted attachments to between 100 and 500 employees at a company, claiming to be from established business partners or to contain bogus security updates. When a recipient opens the attachment, it installs "PoisonIvy," a Remote Access Trojan that can take control of a machine and that is easily available over the Internet. While the hackers' behavior differed slightly in each case, they typically identified desired intellectual property, copied it, and uploaded it to a remote server, Symantec said in its report. Dow Chemical Co said it detected "unusual e-mails being delivered to the company" last summer, and worked with law enforcers to address this situation. Source:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/10/31/us-cyberattack-chemicals-idUSTRE79U4K920111031>

**Symantec uncovers Nitro attacks targeting chemical industry.** Symantec has revealed a large-scale targeted cyber attack designed primarily to steal information from chemical and defense companies, including 27 in the United States. Dubbed "Nitro", the campaign started in late April focused on human rights groups, before moving onto the motor industry, according to the Symantec Nitro attacks report. The attack moved onto the chemical industry in late July, targeting 29 companies and another 19 in sectors such as defense, the report said. The attackers used the common ploy of sending certain members of a target organization an e-mail with a malicious attachment disguised as a meeting invitation or security update. "The emails contained an attachment that was either an executable that appeared to be a text file based on the file name and icon, or a password-protected archive containing an executable file with the password provided in the email," the report said. "In both cases, the file was a self-extracting executable containing PoisonIvy, a common backdoor Trojan developed by a Chinese speaker." Once the infected machine was connected to the command and control server, attackers could traverse the network, infecting additional computers in search for the domain administrator's credentials, and from there locate servers containing intellectual property. Eventually the content is uploaded to a remote site. The attacks were spread geographically, but most infected machines were located in the United States (27), Bangladesh (20), and the United Kingdom (14). Symantec traced the attacks to a virtual private server (VPS) based in the United States, but registered to a "20-something male" in Heibei, China dubbed "Covert Grove". The male claimed the VPS, which cost him \$32 a month to rent, was set up for legitimate purposes, but Symantec researchers found evidence that may point to the contrary. "When prompted regarding hacking skills, Covert Grove immediately provided a contact that would perform 'hacking for hire'." Whether this contact is merely an alias or a different individual has not been determined," the

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researchers concluded. Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2121298/symantec-uncovers-nitro-attacks-targeting-chemical-industry>

### **COMMERCIAL FACILITIES**

**(California) Man arrested after bringing explosive device to shopping center.** The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) bomb squad arrested a man November 2, stating he assembled an "incendiary device" and was likely only moments away from setting it off near a busy shopping center. The bomb squad descended on the shopping center about 2 p.m. after police detained a man in the parking lot who was making verbal threats, LAPD officials said. Officers noticed the man had "suspicious" devices in his white SUV. After he was detained, he continued to make threatening statements, leading police to believe a bomb could be in the area, officials said. A bomb squad robot pulled an item out of the SUV, a LAPD official said. Detectives later determined the man had several pieces of a large incendiary device — meant to explode and start a fire — inside the SUV. The device was hooked up and ready to be detonated; officials said, and the man was likely only moments away from setting it off. Officers arrested the man on suspicion of possession of an incendiary device. The bomb squad evacuated several stores in the area, and blocked off traffic for several hours. Source:

<http://www.ktla.com/news/landing/ktla-bomb-squad-searching-in-tarzana,0,6546019.story>

**Torched Kansas mosque had received anti-Islam letters, leader says.** A Muslim mosque in Wichita, Kansas, that was heavily damaged by fire October 31, received anti-Islam letters in recent months, the Wichita Eagle reported November 2. Somebody also began turning on its outside water faucet overnight to hike its water bill, the mosque's leader said. The president of the Islamic Association of Mid Kansas said the letters put down Islam, called the prophet Muhammad a pig, and enclosed drawings that mocked him. The mosque received about eight of the letters starting 4 to 6 months ago, but they had stopped about a month ago, the mosque leader said. The FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives joined the fire investigation October 31. The fire spread quickly and gutted the attic, a Wichita fire captain said. Damage was set at about \$130,000. Source: <http://www.stripes.com/news/us/torched-kansas-mosque-had-received-anti-islam-letters-leader-says-1.159503>

**(New York) Woman fights for life after teens throw shopping cart four-stories in Harlem Target parking garage.** A woman was clinging to life October 30 after a shopping cart — pushed off a ledge by a group of teens in East Harlem, New York — plummeted four stories and landed on her head, cops and witnesses said. The woman was with a young boy when the red cart dropped from a walkway that connects a Target store to a parking lot, cops and witnesses said. A witness said he spotted the teens pushing the cart near the fourth-level parking lot. "Whatever happens, happens," the witness said one of the teens responded before they launched the cart from the overhead walkway. The cart bounced off a sign before landing on the woman below, witnesses said. Emergency workers responded within minutes and rushed the woman to Harlem Hospital, where she was in critical condition late October 30. Source: <http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/woman-fights-life-teens-throw-shopping-cart-four-stories-harlem-target-parking-garage-article-1.969759>

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**Dozens arrested at 'Occupy' protests in Texas, Oregon.** Dozens of anti-Wall Street protesters were arrested October 30 in Texas, where they clashed with police over food tables, and in Oregon, where officers dragged them out of a park in an affluent neighborhood. In New York and many other East Coast cities, it was a snowstorm that made it difficult for demonstrators to stay camped out in public places. In Portland, Oregon, police have allowed protesters to sleep in two parks surrounded by office buildings despite policies outlawing camping, but the mayor warned demonstrators the week of October 24 that he would not allow them to take over any more parks. Late October 29, hundreds of protesters gathered in another park — Jamison Square in the wealthy Pearl District — and defied a midnight curfew. About 30 people who had decided to risk arrest sat on the ground. Police said the arrests were made on charges that included criminal trespassing, interfering with a police officer, and disorderly conduct. Police in Austin, Texas, made 39 arrests early October 30 as they moved to enforce a new rule banning food tables in the City Hall plaza where protesters have camped out. Most protesters were charged with criminal trespass, said the police chief. Source:

<http://www.fayobserver.com/articles/2011/10/31/1133879?sac=Bus>

### **COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR**

Nothing Significant to Report

### **CRITICAL MANUFACTURING**

**NHTSA recall notice - BMW 8 and 12 cylinder turbocharged engine equipped vehicles.** The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration announced November 2 that BMW is recalling 32,084 model year 2011 5-Series, 2010-2011 5-Series Gran Turismo, 2009-2011 7-Series, 2010-2011 X5 SAV, and 2008-2011 X6 SAV vehicles equipped with 8- or 12-cylinder turbocharged engines because the circuit board for the electric auxiliary water pump can overheat. This could lead to a smoldering of the pump, or an engine compartment or vehicle fire. BMW will notify owners, and dealers will replace the auxiliary water pump free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin during December 2011. Source: [http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rcld\\_ID=11V521000&summary=true&prod\\_id=914777&PrintVersion=YES](http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rcld_ID=11V521000&summary=true&prod_id=914777&PrintVersion=YES)

**Parts shortages due to Thai floods drive Honda to cut US, Canadian factory output by half.**

Parts shortages from 3 months of catastrophic flooding in Thailand have forced Honda to cut U.S. and Canadian factory production by 50 percent for the second time this year, the automaker said October 31. The cuts, which come just as Honda was recovering from the March 11 earthquake and tsunami in Japan, will run from November 2 at least through November 10 as Honda tries to find alternate sources for microprocessors made in Thailand. The flooding, which began in July and has forced many auto parts plants to close, also affected Toyota Motor Co., which cut overtime for production in North America through the end of this week. Honda also said it will stop all production in the United States and Canada for 1 day November 11, and all Saturday overtime work will be canceled through November. A

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spokesman said it is too early to tell if there will be a repeat of model shortages that occurred during the summer and early fall due to parts shortages from the earthquake and tsunami. The company said in a statement the December sale date for the 2012 version of the CR-V crossover vehicle could be delayed by several weeks. Honda said it will announce the sale date in the near future. The spokesman said the company is trying to find other sources for the parts made in Thailand, but production of newer models such as the Civic compact and CR-V will be most affected by the parts shortages. Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/parts-shortage-due-to-thai-floods-drive-honda-to-cut-us-canadian-factory-output-by-50-pct/2011/10/31/gIQAqMLPZM\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/parts-shortage-due-to-thai-floods-drive-honda-to-cut-us-canadian-factory-output-by-50-pct/2011/10/31/gIQAqMLPZM_story.html)

## **DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR**

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## **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**(Oklahoma) Police arrest man with Molotov cocktails in his car.** A 58-year-old man accused of walking into a Tulsa, Oklahoma police station and threatening to burn down the city was arrested and jailed October 28. He was booked into Tulsa Jail at 2:45 p.m. October 28 on complaints that include possessing potential explosives in or near a car or building, and threatening to use the devices. A police sergeant said the suspect entered the Tulsa Police Department's Riverside Division, on S. Riverside Drive, October 28 and said his vehicle parked outside contained explosive devices. He made statements indicating he wanted to burn down the city of Tulsa. The sergeant said officers went out to his vehicle and found six gasoline-filled containers with wicks attached — often described as Molotov cocktails. Source: [http://www.tulsaworld.com/specialprojects/news/crimewatch/article.aspx?subjectid=450&articleid=20111029\\_11\\_A4\\_Aerodm709023&r=9217](http://www.tulsaworld.com/specialprojects/news/crimewatch/article.aspx?subjectid=450&articleid=20111029_11_A4_Aerodm709023&r=9217)

**(California) Most of guns stolen from LAPD may have hit black market.** All but three guns in a cache of weapons stolen earlier this month from an unguarded building used by the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) SWAT unit remain missing and may have been sold or traded on the black market, police said October 28. Police arrested two men on suspicion of committing the heist and three others for allegedly possessing the recovered weapons, said a police commander. Much to police officials' dismay, however, the rest of the roughly 30 weapons stolen were not found in the suspects' possession. Although the weapons, which included MP-5 submachine guns and large-caliber handguns, had been altered by police to fire only plastic pellets for training exercises, it is possible for them to be converted back to lethal use. The two men who allegedly broke into the building were "low-level burglars" who were looking to strip the building of copper wiring to sell to support their drug habits, the police commander said. Police are continuing to try to find the weapons, but do not know how many people may have bought guns from the men or any of their identities, he said. It is also possible the suspects have stashed the guns, police officials said. Source: <http://articles.latimes.com/2011/oct/29/local/la-me-swat-20111029>

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## **ENERGY**

**EPA to probe gas drilling's toll on drinking water.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) November 3 released the outlines of its long-awaited probe into whether hydraulic fracturing is contaminating drinking-water supplies. Investigators will try to determine the impact of large-scale water withdrawals, above ground spills of drilling fluids, and the fracturing process itself on water quality and quantity in states where tens of thousands of wells have been drilled in recent years. Energy companies have greatly expanded their use of fracking as they tap previously unreachable shale deposits, including the Marcellus Shale formation in Pennsylvania and neighboring states. The industry has long contended fracking is safe, but environmentalists and some residents who live near drilling sites say it has poisoned groundwater. The EPA study, mandated by Congress last year, is the agency's first look at the impact of fracking in shale deposits. EPA will examine drilling sites in Pennsylvania, Colorado, Louisiana, North Dakota, and Texas. The earliest results will be available in 2012. The study will look at the entire water lifecycle of fracking in shale deposits, beginning with the withdrawal of huge volumes of water from rivers and streams and ending with the treatment and disposal of the tainted wastewater that comes out of the wells after fracking. Researchers will also study well design and the impact of surface spills of fracking fluids. Source: <http://www.uticaod.com/environment/hydrofracking/x2128841146/EPA-to-probe-gas-drillings-toll-on-drinking-water>

## **FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

(Massachusetts) **Italian olives recalled over botulism concerns.** Nearly a week after a woman in Finland died from botulism poisoning — the result of eating tainted Italian olives — a U.S. distributor is warning consumers not to eat Bio Gaudiano Organic Olives Stuffed with Almonds because they may be contaminated with the *Clostridium botulinum* toxin, Food Safety News reported November 3. The distributor, Pure Italian of Watertown, Massachusetts, together with the manufacturer and packer, Bio Gaudiano of Italy, are recalling all sizes of glass jars and cans and all lots of the Bio Gaudiano almond-stuffed olives, which were sold at the SoWa farmers market in South End, Massachusetts, and also distributed to other Massachusetts retailers. In Finland, two adults from the same household were hospitalized, and one died after eating Bio Gaudiano almond-stuffed olives. Both were diagnosed with botulism and their jar of stuffed organic olives was subsequently discovered to contain the toxin, the National Institute for Health and Welfare reported. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/11/italian-olives-recalled-over-botulism-concerns/>

**29th death reported in Listeria cantaloupe outbreak.** One more death, 6 more cases, and 2 more states were added November 2 to the toll in the 28-state outbreak of Listeria infection caused by contaminated cantaloupes from Colorado's Jensen Farms. In what has become its weekly update of the most deadly incidence of listeriosis since 1985, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said that as of 9 a.m. November 1, 139 persons were infected with any one of four outbreak-associated strains of *L. monocytogenes*. The CDC said the addition of Nevada and Utah — each reporting their first case — expanded the footprint of the

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outbreak to 28 states. One additional adult death raised the total number of fatalities to 29. Among the 134 patients for whom information is available, the CDC said 132, or 99 percent, required hospitalization. The CDC said the confirmed case counts include those with onset dates beginning July 31 and running through October 21. Source:

<http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/11/footprint-of-listeria-outbreak-expands-29th-death-reported/>

**Plastic bits in chicken pot pie empanadas.** A Los Angeles company is recalling about 11,390 pounds of chicken pot pie empanadas that may contain foreign materials, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced October 31. Windsor Quality Food Co. was informed by a food-service distributor customer that there were pieces of plastic in the Molly's Kitchen Mini Chicken Pot Pie Empanadas. The company said the problem may have been the result of equipment breaking during production. The recall involves 10-pound cases each containing 4 boxes of 27-count Molly's Kitchen Mini Chicken Pot Pie Empanadas. The recalled empanadas were produced August 30, and shipped to one food-service distributor for further distribution nationwide. Source:

<http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/11/plastic-bits-in-chicken-pot-pie-empanadas/>

**Allergy alert: Kale chips with undeclared cashews.** Rhythm Superfoods is recalling approximately 2,700 cases from 6 days of production of Kool Ranch Kale Chips that were inadvertently placed into packaging that did not declare cashews as an ingredient and were possibly shipped to retail locations nationwide, Food Safety News reported October 29. One case of allergic reaction has been reported. The recall was initiated after it was discovered that product containing cashews was distributed in packaging that did not reveal the presence of cashews. A subsequent investigation indicated the problem was caused by the use of new packaging. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/allergy-alert-kale-chips-with-undeclared-cashews/>

**Rite Aid recalls butter cookies.** Rite Aid is recalling approximately 85,000 tins of Rich Fields-brand butter cookies because they may be contaminated with *Bacillus cereus*, Food Safety News reported October 30. The recall was initiated after the company conducted quality testing on the affected product because of an uncharacteristic odor. The recalled cookies, sold exclusively in Rite Aid stores, are in 12ounce tins featuring either a decorative castle or Christmas designs. Rite aid has about 4,700 stores in 31 states, and the District of Columbia. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/rite-aid-recalls-butter-cookies/>

**Allergy alert: Mislabeled soy burgers with milk.** A Utah company is recalling some Eating Right Soy Protein Burgers sold in Safeway, Carrs, Dominick's, Genuardi's, Pak 'N' Save, Randalls, Tom Thumb, Vons, and Pavilions retail stores nationwide because the packages inadvertently contain Eating Right Veggie Burgers, which include milk, Food Safety News reported October 31. The label does not list milk as an ingredient. The frozen burgers were manufactured by Gardenburger and distributed by Lucerne Foods. Safeway was notified of the situation by a consumer. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/alleggy-alert-mislabeled-soy-burgers-with-milk/>

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**(Oregon; Washington) Allergy alert: Spiced prawns with sulfites.** An Oregon company is recalling 194 cases of spiced prawns because they contain undeclared sulfites, Food Safety News reported October 31. The recall is for production within the last 180 days. Sulfites were declared on the raw ingredient's label, but were not carried over to the finished product's label on Nate's Spiced Prawn. A recent change in supplier of prawns resulted in the labeling oversight. Pacific Oyster Company distributed the prawns to retailers in Oregon and Washington in 16-ounce glass jars. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/allergy-alert-spiced-prawns-with-sulfites/>

## **GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)**

**(California) Riot police fire projectiles, arrest dozens of Occupy Oakland protesters.** Riot police from a number of Bay Area departments fired tear gas and other projectiles and arrested dozens of demonstrators November 2 to break up Occupy Oakland, California protests that had drawn thousands of participants. Officers moved in near the protesters' city hall encampment, where tents resprouted after officials the week of October 28 ordered them razed. The police action came after a predominantly peaceful day of protest that attracted more than 7,000 people. As demonstrators massed again at the city hall plaza, the situation devolved. Demonstrators managed to gain entry to an empty building that had housed the Traveler's Aid Society, a nonprofit organization that assists the homeless but had suffered funding cuts. Leaflets indicated protesters had targeted the building for "reuse." They branded it a new "community center" in Twitter feeds. Video from a local ABC affiliate's helicopter showed jubilant crowds flowing in and out of the building, where a banner marked "Occupy Everything" hung. Others built a barricade nearby, presumably to discourage police. Shortly before midnight, local media reported police officers from various agencies were suiting up in riot gear. Some demonstrators set the barricade aflame. Firefighters doused it. A police statement later said protesters had hurled rocks, explosives, bottles, and flaming objects at officers. Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2011/11/occupy-oakland-tear-gas-arrests.html>

**(Georgia) 4 men in Ga. accused of planning ricin attacks.** Four men in Georgia intended to use an online novel as a script for a real-life wave of terror and assassination using explosives and the lethal toxin ricin, according to court documents. Federal agents raided their north Georgia homes November 1 and arrested them on charges of conspiring to plan the attacks. The four men are scheduled to appear in court November 3. Relatives of two of the men said the charges were baseless. Court documents accused the men of trying to obtain an explosive device and a silencer to carry out targeted attacks on government buildings and employees. Two of the men are also accused of trying to seek out a formula to produce ricin, a biological toxin that can be lethal in small doses. One suspect discussed ways of dispersing ricin from an airplane in the sky over Washington D.C., court records state. Another suspected member of the group intended to use the plot of an online novel as a model for plans to attack U.S. federal law officers and others, authorities said. Court documents state the 73-year-old man told others he intended to

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model their actions on the online novel "Absolved," which involves small groups of citizens attacking U.S. officials. Investigators said the four men took several concrete steps to carry out their plans. One suspect is accused of driving to Atlanta with a confidential informant to scope out federal buildings that house the IRS and other agencies. He and another suspect also arranged to buy what they thought was an explosive device and a silencer from an undercover agent. The men were arrested days after a lab test confirmed they had trace amounts of ricin in their possession, authorities said. Court records indicate at least two of the suspects are former federal employees. Prosecutors say one suspect said he would like to make 10 pounds of ricin and simultaneously place it in several U.S. cities. Source:

<http://www.chron.com/news/article/Feds-arrest-4-in-alleged-Ga-ricin-attack-plot-2248031.php>

**(Alaska) Soldier, 22, held on suspicion of spying.** A 22-year-old U.S. Army military policeman from Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) near Anchorage, Alaska is in custody on suspicion of espionage, a FBI spokesman said November 1. The soldier was booked in the Anchorage jail October 28. He's being held without bail, a jail spokesman said. An Army spokesman said the Kentucky resident was arrested October 28 by special agents from the Army counterintelligence service, and the Army Criminal Investigation Command. An FBI spokesman said the suspect was arrested following an investigation by the FBI and Army counterintelligence. He said the case is being handled in the military justice system. The suspect was assigned to the 164th Military Police Company, part of the 793rd Military Police Battalion of the new 2nd Engineer Brigade at JBER, according to an Army spokesman. Source: <http://www.adn.com/2011/11/01/2149870/22-year-old-soldier-held-on-suspicion.html?storylink=tacoma>

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**Simulated cyberattack unites EU and U.S. security experts.** Almost 100 computer experts from 16 European countries jointly battled to hold off cyberattacks on the European Union's security agencies and power plants as part of a simulated exercise November 3. The event, Cyber Atlantic 2011, was the first joint cybersecurity exercise between the European Union (EU) and the United States. Two scenarios were acted out. The first was a targeted, stealth advanced persistent threat attack aimed at extracting and publishing online secret information from EU member states' cybersecurity agencies. Security experts at Europe's network and information security agency said this type of attack was possible in a real-world situation. The second simulation focused on the disruption of supervisory control and data acquisition systems in power generation infrastructures. This threat is being taken very seriously by EU authorities, particularly in light of allegations the Anonymous hacker group has attempted to infiltrate French power plants, and the widespread Stuxnet attack on Iran's nuclear facilities. More than 20 EU countries were involved in the exercise, with the European Commission providing high-level direction, and DHS lending support. The aim was to explore how the EU and the United States would engage each other and cooperate in the event of cyberattacks on critical information infrastructures, and follows the first pan-European cybersecurity stress test. Lessons learned from Cyber Atlantic 2011 will be used to plan potential future joint EU-U.S. cyberexercises. Source:

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[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9221452/Simulated\\_cyberattack\\_unites\\_EU\\_and\\_U.S.\\_security\\_experts](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9221452/Simulated_cyberattack_unites_EU_and_U.S._security_experts)

**InDesign license key emails spread new trojan.** An e-mail that promises a license key for Adobe's InDesign CS4 turns out to be a malicious campaign that distributes a new trojan, which at the time of writing was detected only by 7 out of the 43 AV engines listed in Virus Total. MX Labs intercepted a lot of e-mails that come with the subject "Your InDesign CS4 License key." The messages appears to be coming from a spoofed e-mail address that could fool users into believing it really came from Adobe. The example addresses discovered so far are account-no2532@adobe.com, information@adobe.com, or help-no.146@adobe.com. The ZIP file attached is called License\_key\_N7853.zip and once its content is extracted, the user is faced with a Licese\_key executable that reveals itself to be the a piece of malware identified by Sophos as being Troj/Bredo-LK. Once it lands on a device, it copies itself to the Startup folder of the operating system, replicating a DirectX component. To make sure it cannot be easily detected, it creates a process called svchost which makes sure every time the computer starts, it can fulfill its mission. Each time it is executed, Bredo sends HTTP requests to a recently registered Russian domain. At the time it was found by the researchers, the trojan was only being detected by a handful of security solutions providers. F-Prot detected it as W32/Yakes.F.gen!Eldorado, and Symantec as Downloader.Chepvil. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/InDesign-License-Key-Emails-Spread-New-Trojan-231975.shtml>

**Socialbots' steal 250GB of user data in Facebook invasion.** Programs designed to resemble humans infiltrated Facebook recently and made off with 250 gigabytes of personal information belonging to thousands of the social network's users, researchers said in an academic paper released November 1. The 8-week study was designed to evaluate how vulnerable online social networks were to large-scale infiltrations by programs designed to mimic real users, researchers from the University of British Columbia Vancouver said in the paper, titled "The Socialbot Network: When bots socialize for fame and money." The 102 "socialbots" researchers released onto the social network included a name and profile picture of a fictitious Facebook user and were capable of posting messages and sending friend requests. They then used these bots to send friend requests to 5,053 randomly selected Facebook users. Each account was limited to sending 25 requests per day to prevent triggering anti-fraud measures. During that initial 2-week "bootstrapping" phase, 976 requests, or about 19 percent, were accepted. During the next 6 weeks, the bots sent connection requests to 3,517 Facebook friends of users who accepted requests during the first phase. Of those, 2,079 users, or about 59 percent, accepted the second round of requests. The increase was due to what researchers called the "triadic closure principle," which predicts that if two users had a mutual friend in common, they were three times more likely to become connected. Researchers found social networks were "highly vulnerable" to a large-scale infiltration, with an 80-percent infiltration rate. Source: [http://news.cnet.com/8301-1009\\_3-20128808-83/socialbots-steal-250gb-of-user-data-in-facebook-invasion/](http://news.cnet.com/8301-1009_3-20128808-83/socialbots-steal-250gb-of-user-data-in-facebook-invasion/)

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**Zeus now using autorun as infection numbers rise.** After tapering off, the Zeus trojan has been staging a comeback over the last few months, possibly using a new infection routine that leverages Windows' autorun feature even after a company update to limit infections that use it, according to research by Microsoft. Microsoft's Malicious Software Removal Tool removed the common banking trojan horse program from 185,000 computers in September and the company expects more than 100,000 removals in October, according to a new post on Microsoft's Threat Research and Response blog. The growth spurt reflects Zbot's growing use of Windows autorun functionality, said the senior anti virus research lead at Microsoft. Source: [http://threatpost.com/en\\_us/blogs/zeus-now-using-autorun-infection-numbers-rise-110111](http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/zeus-now-using-autorun-infection-numbers-rise-110111)

**Nearly a third of execs say rogue mobile devices are linked to their networks.** Organizations are concerned about the dangers posed by unauthorized mobile devices, according to a study published the week of October 24, but many are not sure what is being done about it. According to a Deloitte poll of nearly 1,200 U.S. IT and business executives about mobile security, some 28.4 percent of survey respondents believe there are unauthorized PDAs, tablets, or a combination of both connecting to their enterprise intranets, and particularly their e-mail servers. Nearly 87 percent of respondents think their companies are at risk for a cyberattack originating from a mobile security lapse, the survey said. Yet, according to the survey, 40 percent of respondents do not know whether their organizations have strategies, policies, procedures, or technology controls in place to effectively enforce mobile security. Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/insider-threat/167801100/security/news/231901935/nearly-a-third-of-execs-say-rogue-mobile-devices-are-linked-to-their-networks.html>

**Phishing campaign fake legitimate Apple emails, steals victims ID and password.** A phishing campaign that involves the reputation of Apple has been seen invading in-boxes, Softpedia reported October 31. The rogue message perfectly replicates alerts received by customers when the company notifies them on changes to their accounts. A Trend Micro researcher came across a message that looked very much like the genuine message he had received not long ago from the Cupertino, California, firm. The fake e-mail seems to come from "do\_not\_reply@itunes.com" and is sent via smtp.com. Coming with the subject "Account Info Change," it perfectly replicates most visual aspects of the real deal. The link mentioned before is masked to look authentic, but in fact it leads the unsuspecting user to a phishing site hosted on a free domain. It asks the customer to provide an ID and a password, the information being sent to the masterminds that designed the whole scheme. These operations provide access to one's Apple account, which contains a lot of sensitive data such as credit card information, address, and phone numbers. Source: <http://cyberinsecure.com/phishing-campaign-fake-legitimate-apple-emails-steals-victims-id-and-password/>

**Symantec survey finds global critical infrastructure providers less aware and engaged in government programs.** Symantec Corporation October 31 released the findings of its 2011 Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Survey, which found a drop in awareness and engagement on a global basis as measured by the CIP Participation Index. Compared to 2010, companies surveyed this year show a CIP Participation Index of 82 percent in government

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protection programs, down 18 points from last year. Critical infrastructure providers come from industries that are of such importance that if their cyber networks were successfully attacked and disabled, it would result in an actual threat to national security. Source:

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/symantec-survey-finds-global-critical-infrastructure-providers-less-aware-engaged-government-nasdaq-symc-1579434.htm>

## **NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS**

**(New Mexico) Texas man pleads guilty to accidentally starting NM forest fire that burned 53,000 acres.** A Texas man admitted starting a New Mexico wildfire that burned more than 53,000 acres in the Lincoln National Forest in April, the Associated Press reported October 28. The man pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of leaving a fire unattended in federal court in Las Cruces, New Mexico. The U.S. attorney's office in Albuquerque said the the man faces up to 6 months in jail and a \$5,000 fine when he is sentenced. Two other charges in an indictment were dismissed in the plea deal. The Last Chance Fire started April 24 when the man lit toilet paper on fire after relieving himself so he would not leave litter behind. High winds sent sparks into nearby brush, and a fire broke out that he and his friends were unable to control. Source: <http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/a4cb4a89e6cf4988b6d021669e520b91/NM--Wildfire-Charge/>

## **POSTAL AND SHIPPING**

**(Illinois) Streets reopen after cops check suspicious package in downtown mailbox.** Chicago police and postal police checked a suspicious package found in a mailbox near the Metropolitan Correctional Center (MCC) November 1 and sounded the all-clear after about 2 hours. The MCC is a federal jail that houses prisoners scheduled to appear in court in the Dirksen Federal Courthouse. Chicago Bomb and Arson and U.S. Postal Service police responded. The Chicago Fire Department also responded, assisting a hazardous materials team. Streets were closed in the area for about 2 hours until police resolved the situation. An official at the MCC said that nothing was found at the MCC, and its operations were not affected, but the area around the building was sealed off and identification of anyone going to buildings in the area was checked by police. Source: [http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2011-11-01/news/chi-cops-check-suspicious-package-in-loop-20111101\\_1\\_suspicious-package-mailbox-mcc](http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2011-11-01/news/chi-cops-check-suspicious-package-in-loop-20111101_1_suspicious-package-mailbox-mcc)

**(Florida) Mail carrier fights back against would-be robber.** A mail carrier fought back after she was targeted by a would-be robber. The 48-year-old woman was delivering mail in Hollywood, Florida, when a man tried to snatch her master key. The incident happened near Washington Street and South 26th Avenue, October 28. A struggle ensued and the man got away empty handed. A witness said she watched the letter carrier fight back against her attacker. So far, this month, the U.S. Postal Inspector's Office has had three people arrested for stealing master keys from letter carriers in North Miami, and Miami Gardens. Last year, one postal worker was killed in North Miami-Dade, for his master key. Two people were later arrested in that case. These master key thefts have become such an issue that the Inspector's office recently announced plans to change procedures regarding the key used to open banks of mail boxes in

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communities. Source: <http://www.wsvn.com/news/articles/local/21005753280677/mail-carrier-fights-back-against-would-be-robber/>

## **PUBLIC HEALTH**

**Obama tries to speed response to shortages in vital medicines.** The U.S. President issued an executive order October 31 hoping to resolve the growing number of critical shortages of vital medicines used to treat life-threatening illnesses, the New York Times reported October 31. It instructs the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to do three things: broaden reporting of potential shortages of certain prescription drugs; speed reviews of applications to begin or alter production of these drugs; and provide more information to the Justice Department about possible instances of collusion or price gouging. The administration also released two government reports that mostly blame a dysfunctional marketplace for drug shortages, directly contradicting assertions by some commentators that government rules are to blame. Just five large hospital buying groups purchase nearly 90 percent of the needed medicines, and only seven companies manufacture the vast majority of supply. The generic drug industry also recently agreed to provide the FDA with nearly \$300 million annually to bolster inspections and speed drug applications. The administration will also send letters to manufacturers reminding them of their legal responsibility to report pending supply disruptions of certain drugs, and to encourage them to notify the drug agency of events that could possibly lead to disruptions even when not required to do so. Source:

[http://www.nytimes.com/2011/10/31/health/policy/medicine-shortages-addressed-in-obama-executive-order.html?\\_r=2&adxnnl=1&hpw=&](http://www.nytimes.com/2011/10/31/health/policy/medicine-shortages-addressed-in-obama-executive-order.html?_r=2&adxnnl=1&hpw=&)

## **TRANSPORTATION**

**(Connecticut) JetBlue passengers stranded for 7 hours in snowstorm.** JetBlue will refund airfares for 123 passengers who reportedly were stranded October 29 for about 7 hours on the tarmac at Connecticut's Bradley International Airport during the rare October snowstorm. Flight 504 from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to Newark, New Jersey, was one of six flights JetBlue diverted October 29 to Bradley International in Windsor Locks, according to the airline. JetBlue diverted 17 flights in all October 29, citing a "confluence of events," including infrastructure issues at Newark Liberty International Airport and at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport. JetBlue said it worked with Bradley "to secure services, including remote deplaning and [lavatory] servicing." The airline noted the airport faced intermittent power outages, making it difficult to refuel planes and to use jet bridges so fliers could disembark. The airline said it could not confirm the amount of time the plane spent on the tarmac. It also said it had seen media reports "of a lack of provisions on board," but that its own information did not "correlate with those reports." Source:

[http://www.myfoxphilly.com/dpp/weather/JetBlue\\_Passengers\\_Stranded\\_For\\_7\\_Hours\\_103111\\_NewsCore\\_ncx](http://www.myfoxphilly.com/dpp/weather/JetBlue_Passengers_Stranded_For_7_Hours_103111_NewsCore_ncx)

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### **WATER AND DAMS**

**(Washington) Public warned of danger around breached dam.** A week after the historic breaching of the Condit Dam in Washington state, officials are warning the public to stay away from the empty lake bed above the dam and the river below it. According to officials with PacifiCorp, the dam's owner, the resulting flood of water released from the October 27 breach created dangerous log jams along narrow sections of the White Salmon River below the dam. In the 92-acre former lake bed above the dam, the river is cutting through sediment, creating unstable slopes and moving debris, such as previously buried logs, PacifiCorp's project manager said in a news release. Company officials said they have several options for clearing the debris, including using cranes and yarders, or in some instances explosives. Source:

<http://www.yakima-herald.com/stories/2011/11/01/public-warned-of-danger-around-breached-dam>

**\$1 billion needed for levee repairs.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said it needs about \$1 billion to repair the damage from this year's catastrophic flooding in the Missouri and Mississippi basins, Medill News Service reported October 29. Last spring brought as much as 10 times the normal rainfall to the south and midwest, which mixed with melting snow to produce record river levels along the lower Ohio and Mississippi rivers, the Corps said. At a Congressional committee hearing the week of October 24, Senators asked why the Corps had not released more water from reservoirs to head off further problems before the next flood season arrives. Officials with the Corps responded there would not be enough time "to get the water out of the flood plain, out of farms, out of homes, out of businesses" or for federal and state agencies to inspect and repair infrastructure before the next flood season, which starts in March. The repair work — such as rebuilding the Birds Point levee in Missouri, which was blasted during the summer flooding — has stretched the Corps' budget about as far as it can go, a division spokesman said. The Corps identified 93 repair projects in the Mississippi basin south of St. Louis, more than 20 of which are crucial to protecting people and property from damage in the next flood season. If money were available, the Corps could complete the work before March, but "at the current funding levels, it may be difficult to do that," officials said. Source: [http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/national\\_world/2011/10/29/1-billion-needed-for-levee-repairs.html](http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/national_world/2011/10/29/1-billion-needed-for-levee-repairs.html)

### **NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS**

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center:** 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: [ndslic@nd.gov](mailto:ndslic@nd.gov); Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio:** 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI):** 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol:** 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst:** 701-297-7400; **Bismarck FBI:** 701-223-4875; **Fargo FBI:** 701-232-7241.

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